

MINUTES OF THE VIGO COUNTY COUNCIL

Tuesday, June 24, 2008 at 5:00 P.M.

Council Chambers, Vigo County Annex

Sheriff Jon Marvel called the meeting to order at 5:00 and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Calling of the roll

Roll Call.

Present: Mike Morris, Brad Anderson, Kathy Miller, Tim Curley, Jim Hellmann, Mark Bird, Darrick Scott.

Corrections to the journal of the preceding meeting, if needed

May 27, 2008

There were none.

Motion: To approve the minutes of the May 27, 2008 meeting as published, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Tim Curley, **Seconded by** Kathy Miller.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous vote (**summary:** Yes = 7).

Yes: Mike Morris, Brad Anderson, Kathy Miller, Tim Curley, Jim Hellmann, Mark Bird, Darrick Scott.

Public comment

Norman Loudermilk, Director, ERTA Region 7 Training Facility expressed interest in the transfer of fourteen acres of County owned property to the City for the purpose of a public safety training facility. This is land to the west of Terre Haute North High School and would be in addition to ten acres of land given to the city previously.

Paul Mason stated the County Attorney would like the issue to be tabled and assigned to committee.

Mark Bird feels this is not a Council issue and the Commissioners should handle it.

Mr. Scott will assign the issue to committee to cover all bases.

Kip Hollowell with Joink Technology Services Group would like the opportunity to submit a quote through a GSA system. Mr. Jim Hellmann referred Mr. Hollowell to the Commissioners who handle contracts and choose providers; the Council only handles allocating funds.

Dr. Hojnicky, Emergency Management Services Director, made the council aware that the Indiana State Department of Homeland Security has made available an Emergency Center Operation (EOC) Grant to help with the recent floods. However, there is only a short window of opportunity and a one-time chance for the County to receive it. The options are to renovate an EOC or build a new one. By choosing to renovate, the County will receive \$250,000. To build a new EOC the county would receive \$1million. With either option, the County would be responsible for a 25% in kind match.

Mr. Scott will assign to committee. The Council meeting will be moved to Monday, July 21, 2008 since the deadline is Tuesday, July 22, 2008 at 5:00 P.M. for submission of the request.

An applicant briefing meeting will be held Monday, June 30, 2008 at 2:30 P.M. at Maryland Community Church for Vigo County public assistance, which was granted through FEMA by a Presidential declaration. All public agencies that would like to be reimbursed for expenses incurred during the flood should attend.

An information briefing for public officials for disaster relief was held this morning in an effort to encourage FEMA to reduce the matching money from the County. Currently, if the County is eligible, FEMA will reimburse 75%, leaving the county responsible for 25% of the expenses. Congressmen are being asked to reduce the split to 90/10 in an effort to help preserve the county budgets.

Matt Cowen lives in Willa Villa Subdivision. His home flooded in 2002, and now again in 2008. Would like to know what has been done since 2002 and what the plans are now to address this situation.

Mr. Brad Anderson understands that there are problems and they need to be addressed.

Mr. Cowen is concerned about the Canal Road, which has been neglected.

Communications from elected officials of the County

Commissioner David Decker thanked the Council for helping during the flood.

Tim Curley commented on necessary cuts to the 2009 budget. Anything that can be done to save the County money is encouraged. Mr. Curley addressed an article from Monroe County that explains how the County can save roughly \$25,000 a year by turning the County's approximately 550 computers off every evening. Scott Swan, Information Services Director, explained that this plan is already in the works to determine the savings this would incur.

Communications from other officials or agencies

There were none.

Reports from standing committees

Mr. Jim Hellmann expressed concern regarding the appropriation of the phone system from Contractual Services within the Council's budget. He wanted the full Council to be aware of the expense.

Reports from select committees

There were none.

Ordinances relating to appropriations

Additional Appropriations 2008-41

Special Projects approved the request. Ms. Sheila Priester, Group Homes Director expressed the need for a new roof that is very old and has been repaired many times for many years. Ms. Preister explained that there have been three proposals, which the Commissioner's have seen.

Motion: To approve to appropriate \$30,000 to Repairs to Buildings, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Kathy Miller, **Seconded by** Jim Hellmann.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 7).

Yes: Mike Morris, Brad Anderson, Kathy Miller, Tim Curley, Jim Hellmann, Mark Bird, Darrick Scott.

Additional Appropriations 2008-42

The Special Projects Committee approved the request for an additional appropriation of \$50,000 into line 44042 Small Community Development in the EDIT budget. Commissioner David Decker explained this money was appropriated in 2007, but it was unable to be encumbered since there was no bill at the end of the year.

Motion: To approve the ordinance, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Tim Curley, **Seconded by** Mark Bird.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 7).

Yes: Mike Morris, Brad Anderson, Kathy Miller, Tim Curley, Jim Hellmann, Mark Bird, Darrick Scott.

Additional Appropriations 2008-43

The Budget Adjustment Committee approved the request. Park & Recreation needs to repair the overflow pipe at J I Case Wetland Wildlife Refuge and is asking for \$50,000 in Capital Improvement.

Motion: To approve the ordinance, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Brad Anderson, **Seconded by** Mike Morris.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 7).

Yes: Mike Morris, Brad Anderson, Kathy Miller, Tim Curley, Jim Hellmann, Mark Bird, Darrick Scott.

Additional Appropriations 2008-44

The Budget Adjustment Committee approved the request. Park & Recreation NR Operating needs to repair the lift/dump stations at Fowler Park. Currently two lift/dump stations are down and it is possible the other two could go down since they were all built at the same time.

Motion: To approve the ordinance, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Mike Morris, **Seconded by** Tim Curley.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 7).

Yes: Mike Morris, Brad Anderson, Kathy Miller, Tim Curley, Jim Hellmann, Mark Bird, Darrick Scott.

Additional Appropriations 2008-45

The Budget Adjustment approved the request. This should carry the Highway's budget for Gasoline through the end of the year.

Motion: To approve the ordinance, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Mike Morris, **Seconded by** Mark Bird.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 7).

Yes: Mike Morris, Brad Anderson, Kathy Miller, Tim Curley, Jim Hellmann, Mark Bird, Darrick Scott.

Additional Appropriations 2008-46

The Personnel Committee approved the request for Infraction Deferral to hire an Intern.

Motion: To approve the ordinance, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Tim Curley, **Seconded by** Brad Anderson.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 7).

Yes: Mike Morris, Brad Anderson, Kathy Miller, Tim Curley, Jim Hellmann, Mark Bird, Darrick Scott.

Additional Appropriations 2008-47

The Personnel Committee approved the request. Prosecutor Title IV-D is requesting a Caseworker position that will be no cost to the County.

Motion: To suspend the Council Rules in order to create a position, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Tim Curley, **Seconded by** Brad Anderson.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous vote (**summary:** Yes = 7).

Yes: Brad Anderson, Darrick Scott, Jim Hellmann, Kathy Miller, Mark Bird, Mike Morris, Tim Curley.

Motion: To approve the ordinance, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Brad Anderson, **Seconded by** Tim Curley.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 7).

Yes: Mike Morris, Brad Anderson, Kathy Miller, Tim Curley, Jim Hellmann, Mark Bird, Darrick Scott.

Resolution for Re-Allocation of Existing Appropriations 2008-6

The Budget Adjustment Committee approved the request. The Coroner is requesting to transfer appropriations from Witness Fee and Mileage Fees to Office supplies in order to purchase new cameras for the Deputies.

Motion: To approve the resolution, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Brad Anderson, **Seconded by** Mike Morris.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 7).

Yes: Mike Morris, Brad Anderson, Kathy Miller, Tim Curley, Jim Hellmann, Mark Bird, Darrick Scott.

Salary Ordinance 2008-25

Withdrawn by Sheriff Jon Marvel

Salary Ordinance 2008-26

The ordinance relates to the Intern position mentioned in Additional Appropriation 2008-46 in Infraction Deferral.

Motion: To approve the ordinance, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Tim Curley, **Seconded by** Kathy Miller.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 7).

Yes: Mike Morris, Brad Anderson, Kathy Miller, Tim Curley, Jim Hellmann, Mark Bird, Darrick Scott.

Salary Ordinance 2008-27

The ordinance relates to the Caseworker position discussed in Additional Appropriation 2008-47 in the Prosecutor Title IV-D Fund.

Motion: To approve the ordinance, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Tim Curley, **Seconded by** Mark Bird.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 7).

Yes: Mike Morris, Brad Anderson, Kathy Miller, Tim Curley, Jim Hellmann, Mark Bird, Darrick Scott.

Salary Ordinance 2008-28

This ordinance is submitted as an emergency for Building Inspection. Extra help was needed during the flood.

Motion: To suspend rules, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Brad Anderson, **Seconded by** Tim Curley.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous vote (**summary:** Yes = 7).

Yes: Mike Morris, Brad Anderson, Kathy Miller, Tim Curley, Jim Hellmann, Mark Bird, Darrick Scott.

Motion: To approve the ordinance, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Brad Anderson, **Seconded by** Mark Bird.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 7).

Yes: Mike Morris, Brad Anderson, Kathy Miller, Tim Curley, Jim Hellmann, Mark Bird, Darrick Scott.

Resolution 2008-11

The Personnel Committee approved to refill the Health Educator position in Health Maintenance. The Annual Budget Committee approved to fill the Inheritance Deputy position in the County Assessor's office and the Sales Disclosure Deputy in Reassessment II.

Motion: To approve the resolution, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Mark Bird, **Seconded by** Jim Hellmann.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 7).

Yes: Mike Morris, Brad Anderson, Kathy Miller, Tim Curley, Jim Hellmann, Mark Bird, Darrick Scott.

Honorary resolutions

There were none.

Resolutions relating to fiscal policies of the Council

There were none.

First reading by summary reference of proposed ordinances and resolutions

President Darrick Scott assigned Request of Council for the July 21, 2008 meeting to committee for further review.

Appointments

There were none.

Motion: To allocate \$203,898 from Council's budget in Contractual Services to pay for the new phone system, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Brad Anderson, **Seconded by** Tim Curley.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 7).

Yes: Mike Morris, Brad Anderson, Kathy Miller, Tim Curley, Jim Hellmann, Mark Bird, Darrick Scott.

Commissioner Decker requested to be put on the log sheet for the July meeting for an additional appropriation to pay for the new roof that has been put on the Extension Office. Darrick Scott, Council President allowed the additional request to be assigned to the Special Projects Committee, however stated that he will not allow the Commissioners to add late requests in the future. They must follow the rules and submit any request to the Auditor's office on time, which is the Friday prior to the scheduled Council meeting. The request will then be addressed at the following month's meeting.

Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn at 6:24 P.M., **Action:** Adjourn, **Moved by** Tim Curley, **Seconded by** Mike Morris.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous vote (**summary:** Yes = 7).

Yes: Mike Morris, Brad Anderson, Kathy Miller, Tim Curley, Jim Hellmann, Mark Bird, Darrick Scott.